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Protecting, promoting and enhancing the economic, cultural, social and environmental well being of the residents of North Canberra

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General meeting 8:45p.m. Wednesday 20 November 2019

Minutes of meeting

Downer Community Centre, Frencham Place, Downer

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1gnJVlu5IWe6ZLT1hiSNsA>

STANDING ITEMS

- 1) Attendance and apologies. Apologies from Beth Slayter, Paul Costigan, Pam Graudenz.
- 2) Attendance.

Members

Denis O'Brien
Alison Smith
Marcus Hipkins
Chris Finnigan
Aniko Carey
Sue Dyer
John O'Brien
Geoff Davidson
Bruce Smith
Leon Arundell
Andrea Madon
Marg Dudley

Catherine Conan
Margaret Henderson

Wendy Meeges
Marcus Clark
Christine Vincent
Marianne Albury-
Colless
R Wainwright
Geoff Framus
John Tucker
Simon Clarke

Waltraud Pix
Stewart Dennis
Louisa Dennis
Jochen Zeil
Beale Shane?
Gene McGlynn
James Hill
Becky Hill
Jane Goffman
Ken Devlin

Non-members

Marie Devlin
Mary Scott
Peter Carey
Amit Burdesy
Terry Shaw
Helen Sinclair
Birch Johnson
Margret Flemming
Michael Berry
Craig Wood
Carmen Tie
Rachel Dash
Michelle Day

Rebecca Vasarotti
Peter Callahan
Brook Clinton
Jon Agnew
Rob Ferguson
Bruce Pink
R Hafa
Angus Mackie
Shane Rattenbury
Louise Bilston
Peter Raweed

- 3) **Correction to October General Meeting.** Simon Clarke is from the Watson Association
- 4) Motion carried to accept the October General Meeting Minutes
- 5) Motion to accept the July General Meeting Minutes was carried
- 6) **Treasurer's report for this year.**
 - a) Bruce: Presented the current balance and funded the appeal for Dickson Towers. Applied and should receive this year's grant of about \$12,000.
 - b) Once the grant is received a budget will be prepared and applications for funding will be considered and budgeted for.
 - c) Motion accepted to accept this report.
- 7) **Invoices for payment.** Dealt with by the committee
- 8) **New Members**
- 9) **Correspondence**
 - a) From Mick Gentleman on the transformation of the Environment and Planning Forum scheduled for @27th November.
 - b) Rosemary Willett's book on Canberra is available for loan.
- 10) **The future of the Civic Pool**
 - a) Draft motion for urgent repair and maintenance is carried.
 - b) The complex be kept in its current position as an exemplary exercise facility etc. was passed.

GENERAL BUSINESS

REPORTS

11) Committee decisions

- a) No new committee decisions tonight

12) Section 72 Working Group update

13) Macarthur / Wakefield / Northbourne working group update

14) Combined Community Councils meeting 2/11/2019

15) ACT Planning Review Working Group update

- a) A meeting has not been convened but discussions have been held among members.

16) Residents' associations update

- a) **Jane:** October meeting Northbourne/Wakefield Ave sat down with the NCA, the Chief Planner ANDREW SMITH & Sorenson, assured they would do the modelling. 5 days later the Board met and completely ignored the promise to provide a modelling and this has not happened. A set of height controls now Griffin access along Majura Ave and David St to see Black Mtn on that axis if a building is constructed on the ABC site.
- b) Jane has put an incredible amount of work on the modelling and it has been completely ignored by the Chief Planner and the Board of the NCA.
- c) Sat 30th November, Conservation Management Plan
- d) Heritage of the Air Conference on Aero, Talk about Canberra's original aerodrome and first air crash to a large audience of Australian Aviation enthusiasts.
- e) National Trust is preparing a for heritage listing of the original aerodrome site

- f) Spot rezoning of Block 25, sect 72. Sat down with ... Mapping and better understanding of the existing flood maps. Current flood maps delimit all of the over-flows including when the stormwater backs up because they are blocked by the volume of water.
 - g) Considerable concern for Block 25 for vulnerable tenants which is prone to flooding and is contaminated by asbestos. Another block is available and decontaminated in the old Union building site and very close.
 - h) Flood Plan Management Study will start middle of next year.
- 17) Reid Residents Association:** Shipping container has been moved off to the side of the oval and it has taken 7 years. Supposed for storage of cricket gear etc.
- a) Mr Fluffy block has been put up for sale. The new owner wants to talk to the residents for harmony with the residents.
- 18) Dennis:** The City Renewal Authority has authorised the allocation of grants for work in the Dickson Business Area. Cowper ST, the drain, Challis on W. and Antill St on the north. Grants up to \$10,000 are available. Grant submissions close 11/12/2019. Look at the CRA net site. E.g. markets at Dickson, children's playground etc
- 19) The NCCC's constitution** allows closer involvement with other residents association. This was initiated by Paul Costigan.
- a) There will be alternate meetings with one month being for usual business and the other for presentations.
 - b) Suggests the first meeting of the new, enlarged committee be in February.
- 20) Other**
- a) Sue: A number of community councils are already making submissions for grants. Shane Rattenbury advised applications have closed.
 - b) Campbell Residents: DOMA proposal on the former CSIRO block, Campbell 38. There will be 2 x 8 storey buildings constructed on Limestone Ave. They consider it inadequate and unattractive and ignored the major thrust of all community submissions.
 - c) Only 5% of people who wrote in did not like it and the other 95% made sensible suggestions and none of them were accepted by the government. It is now planned to be clear-felled. Not one idea from the Community was included because developers have the right to do whatever they want on the land they bought.
 - d) Makes a mockery of any community consultation.
 - e) Downer re-zoned to be a medium-density suburb etc and development of Northbourne Ave etc.
 - f) Generally if a development is inadequate and bad it is because a planning standard and requirements have not been met.
 - g) Discussion about consultation by the NCA. A lot of time is committed by members of the community who feel this is not genuine especially with the wealth of experience that nothing from the community is implemented.
 - h) Much better for the community if the development applications are thoroughly evaluated for compliance with the planning rules.

Meeting closed 9:30 pm.